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Sinclair Broadcasting's use of its consolidated broadcasting resources for a factually questionable anti-Kerry program is a clear abuse of its duty of stewardship of the public airwaves. This example of abuse of its responsibility so that it can promote its own agenda and enhance its profits demonstrates the dangers of media consolidation, including the sacrifice of substantive news and local news for the bottom line.

This incident is another of example of the need to strengthen media ownership rules. License renewal must be a matter of informed debate involving the public interest.

Thank you for considering these comments.